



Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

Welcome to Recycling Lines, a look at recycling news in the Commonwealth and across the nation. We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Had a successful collection event? Have a recycling problem? Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

What Happened in Your Locality for Earth Day?

April 22, 2006 was Earth Day and there were many Earth Day events all over the Commonwealth. Events included education about the environment and the importance of recycling, shredding of important old documents, trash pick ups and beautifications. DEQ would like to prepare a comprehensive story about 2006 Earth Day events in Virginia. Please send us the following information to be included in the June edition of Litter Picks and Recycling Lines:

- ✓ Date of Event
- ✓ Activities/Displays
- ✓ Approximate number of people who attended
- ✓ Comments about the Earth Day Festival(s)
- ✓ Your name and contact information

Please email your information by June 1 to Sheila Barnett at smbarnett@deq.virginia.gov

Take The Day Off!

One **Frederick County** employer takes Earth Day very seriously. She gives her employees the day off!

Lisa Kotlowski of AMK Products asks only that her workers spend part of their free time outside enhancing the environment. She also distributes seeds and plants to drive home the importance of Earth Day. – Gloria Puffinburger, (540) 665-5643 or gpuffinb@co.frederick.va.us

Did You Know?

- ✓ The application for the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence must be received by June 1, 2006. Contact Evans Drake at (804) 541-5732 or Evans.Drake@honeywell.com
- ✓ The application to apply for litter and recycling grants MUST be postmarked by **June 30, 2006** in order to qualify for grant funds. The application must be signed by the County Administrator, City Manager, or the Town Manager. Download the application at: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/programs.html>
- ✓ The **City of Alexandria** passed an ordinance that requires all new developments to include adequate space for refuse and recycling containers. Contact Christine McCoy at (703) 519-3486 ext. 132 or christine.mccoy@alexandria.gov

Did You Know Continued:

- ✓ Effective May 1, 2006, Circuit City Stores, Inc. in cooperation with the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) will have drop off boxes for used rechargeable batteries and cell phones in all stores nationwide. The program is called Call2Recycle. Go to: www.call2recycle.org
- ✓ For 2005, 7,459,827 passenger tire equivalents (PTEs) were reused or recycled through the Waste Tire End User Reimbursement Program. 61,600 PTEs were disposed of in landfills; therefore, 99% of waste tires in Virginia were reused or recycled. Steve Coe at (804) 698-4029 or gscoe@deq.virginia.gov
- ✓ The **Albemarle County** school system qualified for DEQ's Environmental Excellence program. They met high standards of waste management and recycling which includes a recycling plan for florescent bulbs. For information about VEEP go to: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/veep/e2.html>
- ✓ **Gloucester County** school bus fleet presently has 10 school buses that run on 20 percent biodiesel made from soybeans in a plant in New Kent County. The Gloucester County School Transportation Director, Roger Kelly, is so pleased with the performance of the buses running on a biodiesel mix that he plans to have 100 percent of the buses running on it by September. Phillips Energy, Inc. has been supplying the biodiesel mix for the school system. For information about Phillips Energy contact John Phillips or Elizabeth McCormick at (804) 642-2166 or info@phillipsoilandgas.com. Mr. Kelly's contact information is (804) 693-1470 or rkelly@gck12.va.us.
- ✓ Several Virginia Tech students along with the Advisory Council for Environmental Sustainability have proposed a \$ 6 green fee to be added to student fees in order to support campus sustainability by focusing on increased energy efficiency and recycling. Petitions indicate that students support this idea. Contact Larry Bechtel, the Virginia Tech Recycling Coordinator at: (540) 231-9915 or lbechtel@vt.edu
- ✓ January 23 – 27, 2006, **Fairfax County** held a Cool to Recycle Contest. Groups throughout Fairfax County hosted recycling events. Brownie Troop 5779 collected used books and videos to give to hospitals and senior centers and Girl Scout Troop 660 collected books to send to Nigeria. Both groups received certificates for each member of their group for ice cream cones. Rosemary Byrne (703) 324-5471 or rcb@cleanfairfaxcouncil.org

Recycling Lines Continued

April was Virginia Electronics Recycling month.
The following localities reported these results from their events:

Locality	Date of Event	Tons of material collected	Vendor for the event	Contact Information
Fairfax County SWMA	4/1 & 4/29	40	ServiceSource & CDM E-Cycling	Kate Sicola (703) 324- 5439 kate.sicola@fairfaxcounty.gov
Frederick County	4/8	12	AERC Recycling Solutions	Gloria Puffinburger (540) 665-5643 gpuffinb@co.frederick.va.us
Hanover and Henrico County	4/22	12.5	SimsRecycling	Steve Yob (804) 261-8217 yob@co.henrico.va.us
Rivanna SWA	4/22	33.2	AERC	Bruce Edmonds (434) 906-0763 bedmonds@rivanna.org

Calendar of Events

May:

- 13 **Chesterfield County:** Electronics Recycling Drop Off. Fairground Building parking lot (Courthouse Road Extension, beside L. C. Bird High School) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. <http://www.cvwma.com/programs/electronics.htm>
- 13 **Albemarle County:** Amnesty Day for Furniture and Mattresses. 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. FREE to county residents. Ivy Materials Utilization Center. <http://avenue.org/rswa/whats happening.htm#events>
- 20 **Albemarle County:** Amnesty Day for White Goods 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. FREE to county residents. Ivy Materials Utilization Center. <http://avenue.org/rswa/whats happening.htm#events>
- 20 **Loudoun County:** Electronics Recycling Event, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Telos Corporation parking lot, 19886 Ashburn Road in Ashburn. The location is near the intersection of Route 7 and Ashburn Road. Contact Katherine Glass (703) 737-8769 or kglass1@loudoun.gov
- 20 **Keep Norfolk Beautiful** FREE Electronics Recycling Event from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the WHRO Parking Lot (49th St. & Hampton Blvd.) Contact Nicole Dutil at 757-441-1347 www.norfolkbeautiful.org
- 20 **Prince George County:** Electronics Recycling Drop Off, Bland Building parking lot (6600 Courthouse Road) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. <http://www.cvwma.com/programs/electronics.htm>
- 27 **Albemarle County:** Amnesty Day for Tires (on & off rim, truck or car). Limit 25 tires per vehicle. No oversized tires will be accepted. 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. FREE to county residents. Ivy Materials Utilization Center. <http://avenue.org/rswa/whats happening.htm#events>

June:

- 10 Household Hazardous Waste Day Collection for **Lynchburg City** and **Amherst County** Residents. 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Landfill at 2525 Concord Turnpike. <http://www.lyncburgva.gov/home/index.asp?page=153>

10 Tons of Sensitive Documents Shredded and Recycled

One of the many Earth Day celebrations included a Shred-a-Thon that was co-sponsored by the **Richmond** Police Department, The Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and WRIC - Channel 8 as a way to make citizens more aware of the dangers of identity theft. The Weyerhaeuser plant on Jefferson Davis Highway in South Richmond expected to receive approximately 10 tons of paper. Not only was having sensitive documents shredded a relief to the citizens who brought in their divorce papers, tax returns, medical papers, etc but it will keep that much more paper out of the landfills because the shredded paper will be bailed and recycled too. For information about the shredding event, contact Pam Edwards at the Weyerhaeuser plant at (804) 232-2386 ext. 204 or pam.edwards@weyerhaeuser.com

2006 Johnnie Forte Jr. Memorial Grant Winners

Fairfax County students have been busy reducing the amount of mixed paper from entering the waste stream, collecting cans for recycling, building composters, and creating and performing music with an environmental theme. These are just some of the proposals that school environmental groups submitted to the Clean Fairfax Council and the Fairfax County Recycling program that were rewarded with up to \$500 each for their activities.

Awards were announced in January 2006 and the recipients had until April 15 to complete their project. Award recipients were asked to give a presentation on their project during the annual awards ceremony at the Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration which was held on April 29 at NVCC's Annandale Campus. To read about the winners and their projects go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/grant-winners.htm> or contact Rosemary Byrne at (703)324-5471 or rcb@cleanfairfaxcouncil.org

VRA Elects Toby Edwards as President

Congratulations to Toby Edwards who has been elected as the President of the Virginia Recycling Association for 2006. Mr. Edwards is also the Regional Litter Prevention and Recycling Program Manager for the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority. He has served as the Vice Chair of the Southwest Virginia Litter Taskforce, partnered with recycling coordinators and litter control officers and is champion of the Assign-a-Highway and Groundhog Camera programs. His most recent accomplishment was an electronics collection in the southwest Virginia area and he has initiated a new office paper collection program.

Kate Sicola of Fairfax County has been elected to serve as the Vice-President of the VRA and Steve Heinitz from Virginia Commonwealth University will continue to serve as the Treasurer. To see the list of officers go to: http://www.vrarecycles.org/board_index.htm

Web Link of Interest:

Check out the **Clean Valley Council's** Green Construction Site Manual and the introduction written by Ann Masters at: <http://www.cleanvalley.org>

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